PRESS RELEASE IOWA BOARD OF MEDICINE (July 29, 2008)

Recently, the Iowa Board of Medicine took the following action:

Stephani J. Amstadter, M.D., a 44 year-old Iowa-licensed physician from Williamsburg, Virginia, had formal disciplinary charges filed against her by the Iowa Board. On September 18, 2004, Dr. Amstadter entered into a physician health contract with the Iowa Physician Health Program (IPHP) for monitoring and she agreed to fully comply with the requirements of the physician health contract. On July 24, 2008, the Board charged Dr. Admstadter with violating the physician health contract alleging that she repeatedly failed to inform the IPHP of the locations where she practiced medicine and that she practiced medicine in Iowa without properly notifying the IPHP. A hearing has been scheduled on September 8, 2008.

Khaled A. K. Dabash, M.D., a 47 year-old Iowa-licensed pediatrician who practices in Macomb, Illinois, entered into a combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement with the Iowa Board. On September 14, 2007, Dr. Dabash was found guilty of engaging in fraud in McDonough County, Illinois, for billing for medical services that he did not provide. On July 24, 2008, the Iowa Board charged Dr. Dabash with inappropriately permitting nursing staff to conduct detailed medical evaluations and prescribe and administer medications to patients while he was out of the country. The Iowa Board suspended Dr. Dabash's Iowa medical license for sixty days and ordered him to pay a \$5,000 fine and complete a Board-approved ethics program.

<u>Kathleen A. Lange, M.D.</u>, a 46 year-old physician who practices family medicine in Centerville, Iowa, entered into a combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement with the Board. Under the terms of the July 24, 2008, Order, the Board charged Dr. Lange with improperly prescribing controlled substances to members of her immediate family in violation of the laws and rules governing the practice of medicine. The Board placed Dr. Lange on probation for a period of three years and ordered her to a pay a \$2,500 fine and complete Board-approved prescribing and record keeping training.